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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) and/or (3), Applicant petitions the Office to accept an unintentionally delayed priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of a prior-filed copending nonprovisional application.

REMARKS

Applicant seeks to amend the specification of the subject application to claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of the filing date of U.S. Nonprovisional Patent Application Serial No. 10/164,898 filed on June 4, 2002 (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0167324). U.S. Nonprovisional Patent Application Serial No. 10/164,898 claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/359,023, filed February 2, 2002. Specifically, Applicant petitions to amend the first paragraph of the specification as follows:

--This application is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/164,898 (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0167324), filed June 4, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/359,023, filed February 2, 2002.--

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) to Deposit Account No. 12-0769.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 (a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim is filed (which is the same date that this petition is dated) was unintentional.

In summary, Applicant asks the Office to grant this petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of a prior-filed nonprovisional application.

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